

AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A piston capable of reducing friction, comprising a piston head defining a at least two recesses for receiving expanding gas, which is are formed in a circumferential section of a top land part of the piston head, the said recesses being configured such that a part of the expanding gas is introduced into the said recesses during a power stroke of an internal combustion engine, wherein said recesses is are deepest at an intermediate portion of the said recesses, and the depth of the said recesses becomes shallower towards the ends of the said recesses, wherein said recesses extend along the circumference of the piston and have ends that are the circumferential ends having angled end walls, which slant upwardly as they extend outwardly, and wherein said recesses are diametrically opposed to each other.
2. (Original) The piston according to claim 1, wherein said recess is formed over at least substantially ¼ of a circumferential section in an entire circumference of the top land part of the piston head.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) A piston capable of reducing friction, comprising a piston head defining a at least two recesses for receiving expanding gas, which is are formed in a circumferential section of a top land part of the piston head, the said recesses being configured such that a part of the expanding gas is introduced into the said recesses during a power stroke of an internal combustion engine, wherein said recesses has ends getting wider in an upper direction in a slanted line shape extend along the circumference of the piston and have ends that are the circumferential ends having angled end walls, which slant upwardly as they extend outwardly, and wherein said recesses are diametrically opposed to each other.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) A piston structure for reducing frictional losses in an internal combustion engine, comprising a piston head having a top land portion wherein first and second recesses

are symmetrically formed in said top land portion on opposite sides of said piston head, said recesses being formed by a vertical cut-away of a portion of said top land portion.

7. (Original) The piston structure of claim 6, wherein each said cut-away comprises approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the top land portion in a circumferential direction.